

Efficiently serving HDF5 via OPeNDAP

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Why OPeNDAP¹?

- Check metadata remotely (in various forms)
- Obtain the subset of data easily and efficiently
- Hide the original data sources
 - Hierarchical Data Format (HDF) versions 4 and 5
 - Network Common Data Form (NetCDF)
 - Geospatial Tagged Image File Format (GeoTiFF)
- Many popular earth science tools can visualize and analyze the data via OPeNDAP
- OPeNDAP output (including subsets) can be downloaded as other formats



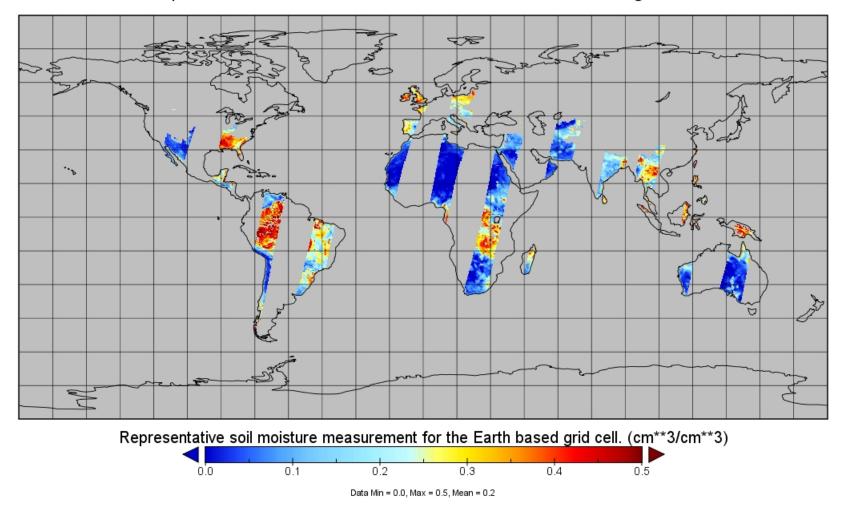
HDF(5) Hyrax modules

- The visualization of HDF(5) data via Hyrax
 - What NASA users request the most



Visualize A Soil Moisture Active Passive (SMAP) HDF5 variable via Hyrax

Representative soil moisture measurement for the Earth based grid cell.





HDF5 handler and NcML¹

 NcML module can be used with HDF handlers to provide the missing Climate and Forecast Metadata (CF) conventions information

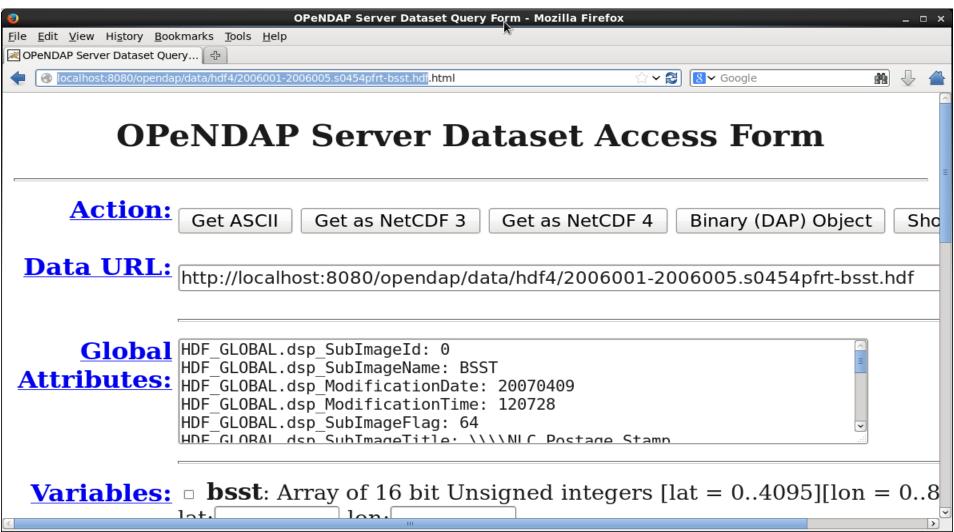
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File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Macro Run Plugins Window ?
 test.ncml
     <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
     <netcdf location="/data/hdf4/2006001-2006005.s0454pfrt-bsst.hdf" xmlns="http://www.ur</pre>
  3
       <!-- Although variable@type attribute is technically required by the schema, i have
  4
            using type="" to mean "whatever type a variable with the given name has" -->
  5
       <variable name="bsst" type="">
         <!-- Test adding new attributes to the variable -->
  8
         <attribute type="string" name="units" value="Celsius"/>
 10
         <attribute name="add offset" orgName="add off" type="Float32"/>
 11
 12
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       </variable>
 14
Normal text file
                            length: 602 lines: 17
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HDF5 handler and file NetCDF

 File NetCDF module can work with HDF handlers to convert HDF files to NetCDF-3 or NetCDF-4 classic files that follow the CF conventions.

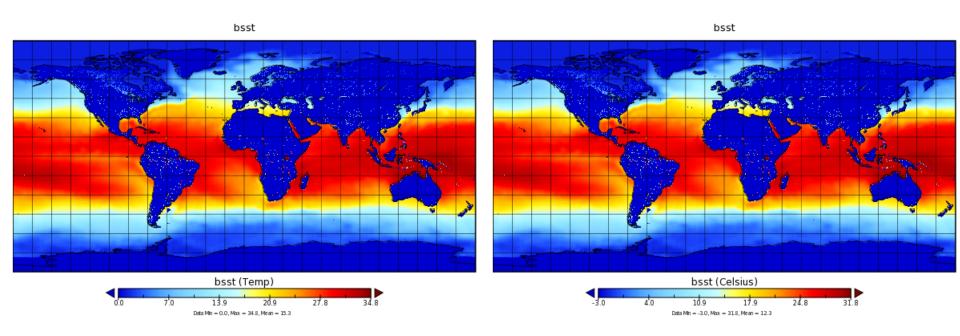


HDF5 handler and file NetCDF





Use NcML and file NetCDF to work with HDF5 handler

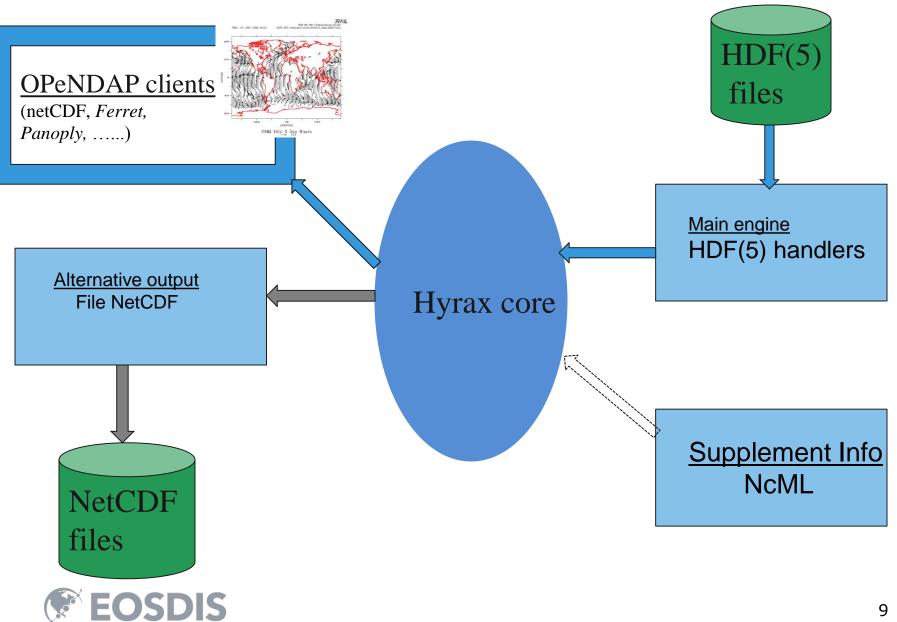


AVHRR¹ via Hyrax directly

The NetCDF file of AVHRR¹ via Hyrax file NetCDF module



Service Chain to access HDF5 via Hyrax



DAP¹4 support in the HDF5 handler

- CF option
 - DAP4 strictly mapped from DAP2
 - Dataset Metadata Response (DMR) replaces Dataset
 Descriptor Structure (DDS) and Dataset Attribute Structure (DAS)
- Default option
 - HDF5 group to DAP4 group
 - HDF5 signed 8-bit and 64-bit integers to DAP4
 - HDF5 dimensions following the NetCDF-4 to DAP4 mapping
 - Fully support NetCDF-4 (both classic and enhanced)



Interoperability enhancement

- CF option with DAP2
 - Provide a way for service providers to check if there are any objects ignored when mapping from HDF5 to DAP2
 - An example: DAP2 doesn't support 64-bit integer, HDF5 supports



Performance Improvement

- Reducing DDS and DAS access time
 - Caching DDS and DAS in memory
 - Caching DAS in the disk
- Reducing data access time
 - Caching the raw in the disk
 - Best if the data is compressed



Other New Features

 Support the access of HDF-EOS5 sinusoidal projection in the HDF5 OPeNDAP handler

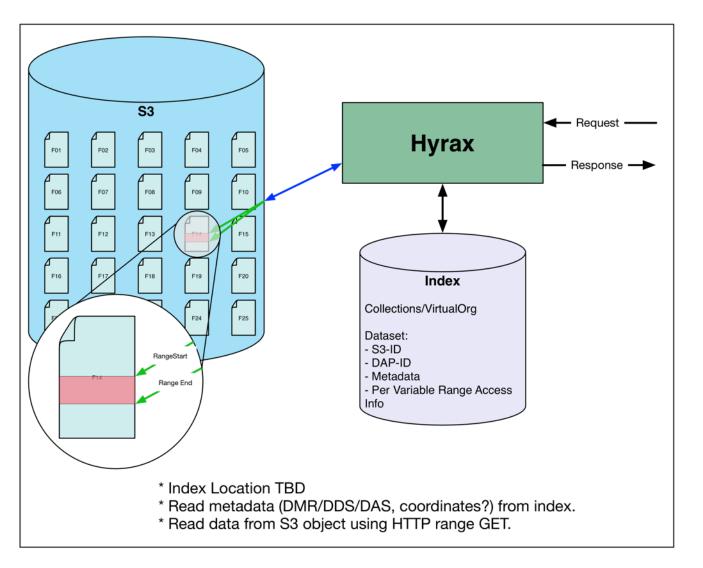


ACCESS HDF5 via Hyrax in Cloud

- Three architectures
- HDF5 handler can be enhanced for the future work of Architectures 2 and 3

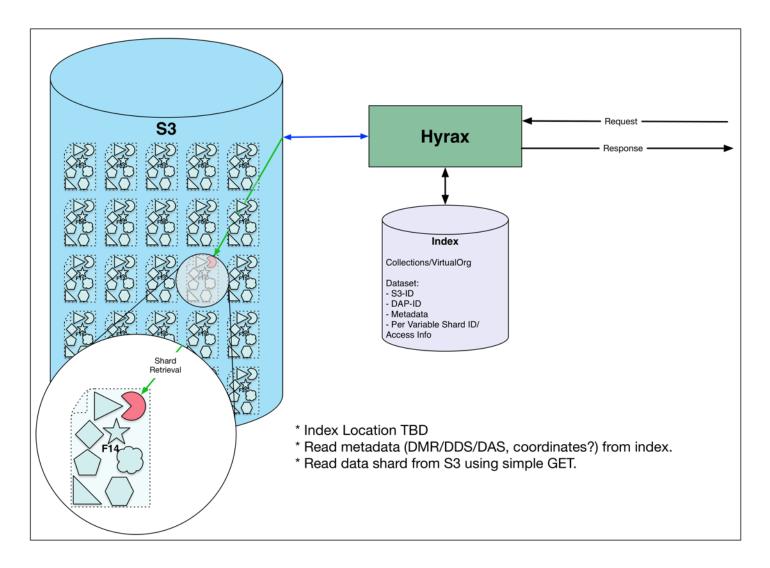


Archit. #2: Files With HTTP¹ Range-Gets





Archit. #3: HDF5 Datasets as S31 Objects





What can be improved?

Current

- A2: Range-Gets index per chunk
- A3: make an HDF5 chunk in a variable as an S3 object

Future

- Add an option to the HDF5 handler
 - Range-Gets index per variable
 - Make an HDF5 variable as an S3 object



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